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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Programme budget implications of draft decision A/C.1/47/L.53

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft decision

1. At its 40th meeting, held on 25 November 1992, the First Committee adopted, without a vote, draft decision A/C.1/47/L.53. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Commitee in document A/C.1/47/L.55.

2. Under the terms of paragraph (a) of draft decision A/C.1/47/L.53, the General Assembly would decide, inter alia, to reconvene meetings of the First Committee for five working days, from 8 to 12 March 1993 in New York, with the purpose of reassessing the multilateral arms control and disarmament machinery, in particular the respective roles of the First Committee, the United Nations Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament and their interrelationship, as well as the role of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, including ways and means to enhance the functioning and efficiency of the said machinery, bearing in mind the competence of the Security Council in these matters.

B. Relationship of the request to the approved programme of work

3. The above request is related to major programme I, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, programme 7, Disarmament, subprogramme 1, Deliberation and negotiation, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 as proposed for revision. 1/ Related activities were initially programmed and approved under subprogramme 1, Deliberation and negotiation, of section 5, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, 2/ responsibility for which was transferred to the Department of Political Affairs following the restructuring of the Secretariat. Proposals for transfer of related resources to section 37, Department of Political Affairs, have been submitted to the General Assembly in the Secretary-General's revised estimates (A/C.5/47/2 and Corr.1).

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft decision, the Secretary-General would undertake the necessary preparation for the servicing of the reconvened meeting of the First Committee for five working days from 8 to 12 March 1993 in New York.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1992-1993

5. The activities called for by the draft decision would fall under subparagraphs 2 (a) and (b) of subprogramme 1 of section 5, the activities of which are now the responsibility of the Department of Political Affairs, as indicated in paragraph 3, above. Accordingly, no modifications would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

6. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft decision, it is assumed that the reconvened meeting of the First Committee would require the provision of interpretation in the six languages of the General Assembly and translation of pre-session documentation of 200 pages (2 documents), in-session documentation of 250 pages (20 documents) and post-session documentation of 50 pages (2 documents) to be issued in the six languages of the General Assembly. In addition, the meetings of the First Committee would require the provision of verbatim records in the six languages of the General Assembly.

7. The related full cost of provision of conference servicing for a five-day session in New York in 1993 is estimated at $815,900, as follows:

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I.	Pre-session documentation	
	(200 pages, 2 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	197 200
II.	Meeting servicing (10 meetings)	
	(Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	58 200
III.	In-session documentation	
	(250 pages, 2 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	261 200
IV.	Post-session documentation	
	(50 pages, 2 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	50 700
V.	Verbatim records	
	(10 meetings: A,C,E,F,R,S)	248 600
	Total	815 900

F. Potential for absorption

8. As regards the estimated conference-servicing costs in New York of the reconvened meetings of the First Committee called for in the draft decision and outlined in paragraphs 6 and 7, above, these estimates, totalling $815,900, are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 41 of the programme budget and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the final calendar of conferences for 1992-1993. As indicated in paragraph 32.4 of the programme budget, 3/ however, the level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings in 1992-1993 was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings which are programmed but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the proposed programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1992-1993 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 41 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of draft decision A/C.1/47/L.53.

C. Summary

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft decision A/C.1/47/L.53, no additional appropriation would be required under section 37 or 41 of the programme budget for 1992-1993.

Notes

1/ A/47/6 (Prog.7) and E/AC.51/1992/L.5/Add.3.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

3/ Ibid., vol. II.

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REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF THE TWELFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: REGIONAL CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

Regional confidence-building measures

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.2

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. At its 36th meeting, on 18 November 1992, the First Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.2 by a recorded vote of 132 to 1, with 2 abstentions. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.1/47/L.50.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.2, the General Assembly would welcome the programme of work, including confidence-building measures adopted by the States members of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) at the organizational meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee, held at Yaounde from 27 to 31 July 1992 under the auspices of the United Nations.

3. Under the terms of operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to continue to provide assistance to the Central African States in implementing the programme of work of the Standing Advisory Committee.

B. Relationship of the request to the approved programme of work

4. The above request is related to major programme I, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, programme 7, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 as proposed for revision. 1/ Related activities were initially programmed and approved under subprogramme 4, Assistance to developing countries on disarmament issues: regional centres; fellowship, training and advisory services, of section 5, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993, 2/ responsibility for which was transferred to the Department of Political Affairs following the restructuring of the Secretariat. Proposals for the transfer of related resources to section 37, Department of Political Affairs, have been submitted to the General Assembly in the Secretary-General's revised estimates. 3/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

5. It is recalled that the General Assembly in its resolution 46/37 B of 6 December 1991 welcomed the initiative by the States members of ECCAS with a view to developing confidence-building measures, disarmament and development in their subregion by, in particular, the creation, under the auspices of the United Nations, of a standing advisory committee on security questions in Central Africa. In paragraph 3 of that resolution the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue providing assistance to the Central African States by, in particular, establishing the standing advisory committee on security questions in Central Africa.

6. It is further recalled that in the oral statement of the Secretariat concerning the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General under draft resolution A/C.1/46/L.6, the First Committee was informed that the Secretary-General would provide assistance in holding the organizational meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee on security questions in Central Africa for five days in early 1992 at Yaounde. It was further indicated that the related requirements were estimated at $90,000 and that the Secretary-General would endeavour to cover these costs from extrabudgetary resources. Therefore, no additional appropriation was requested under section 5.

7. The ministerial-level organizational meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee was convened by the Secretary-General in July 1992 and financed from the Trust Fund for Global and Regional Disarmament Activities. At that meeting, the Committee decided that its offices should be held by rotation for a period of six months. Accordingly, Burundi and Gabon, currently Vice-Chairmen of the Committee, are expected to hold the chairmanship in 1993. Furthermore, as agreed by the Committee at its 1st meeting, its deliberations would take place at different levels, including meetings of experts (high-level military and civilian officials), ministerial meetings and talks between the heads of State concerned at their annual meetings in the context of ECCAS.

8. It is understood that it is the intent of the sponsors of the draft resolution that, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General should assist in the implementation of the programme of work of the Standing Advisory Committee by convening two meetings of the Committee in 1993 and that all relevant costs of convening and holding the meetings would have to be borne by the regular budget of the United Nations.

9. It is the understanding of the Secretary-General that the United Nations would not be requested to provide conference services and that the meetings of the Standing Advisory Committee would not be included in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1993. The Secretary-General further understands that each meeting would be held in the countries chairing the Committee at the time of the respective meetings. Thus, the 1st meeting would be convened at Bujumbura, Burundi, in early 1993, and the 2nd meeting would be held at Libreville, Gabon, six months later. The duration of each meeting would be five consecutive days and they would be comprised of two parts. The first part would last three days and would involve the participation of two experts (one civilian and one military) from each State member of ECCAS, involving a total of 22 participants. The second part of the meeting would be held in the remaining two days and would involve, besides the experts, one additional participant from each State member of the Community at the ministerial level.

10. The payment of travel and subsistence costs to governmental representatives at the meetings would require an exception to the general principle that only members of United Nations organs or subsidiary organs serving in their individual capacities should receive such reimbursements.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1992-1993

11. The activities called for by the draft resolution would fall under subparagraph 2 (c) (ii) of subprogramme 4, initially programmed under section 5, the activities of which are now the responsibility of the Department of Political Affairs as indicated in paragraph 4 above. Accordingly, no modifications would be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

12. The requirements to undertake the activities described in paragraphs 8 and 9 above are estimated as follows:

I. Meeting at Bujumbura, Burundi (five days, 1993)

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A.	Conference-servicing costs	
1.	Rental of conference room	7 000
2.	Interpretation (E,F)	6 000
3.	Rental of office equipment	1 000
	Subtotal (a)	14 000
B.	Non-conference-servicing costs	
1.	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 22 experts for attendance for six days	46 300
2.	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 11 governmental representatives at ministerial level for attendance for three days	19 600
3.	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 2 staff members from New York - the Secretary of the Committee and 1 General Service from the Office for Disarmament Affairs - and 1 staff member from the regional centre in Lome	18 200
	Subtotal (b)	84 100
	Total (I), (a) and (b)	98 100

II. Meeting at Libreville, Gabon (five days 1993)

A.	Conference-servicing costs	
1.	Rental of conference room	7 700
2.	Interpretation (E,F)	6 600
3.	Rental of office equipment	1 200
	Subtotal (a)	15 500
B.	Non-conference-servicing costs	
1.	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 22 experts for attendance for six days	53 100
2.	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 11 governmental representatives at ministerial level for attendance for three days	20 800
3.	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 2 staff members from New York - the Secretary of the Committee and 1 General Service from the Office for Disarmament Affairs - and 1 staff member from the regional centre in Lome	15 700
	Subtotal (b)	89 600
	Total (II), (a) and (b)	105 100
	Grand total (I) and (II)	203 200

F. Potential for absorption

13. No provision has been made in the approved programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 to undertake the activities enumerated in section C above. However, the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Department of Political Affairs would make use of its staff resources, including those of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, to provide the necessary substantive support services to the meetings. Otherwise, it is not anticipated that the cost of $203,200 referred to above could be absorbed from within the provision under section 37 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

G. Indication of additional requirements

14. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.2, it is estimated that additional requirements of $203,200 would arise under section 37 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

H. Contingency fund

15. It will be recalled that under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, these activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources available from low-priority areas or modifications of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.

16. No activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 37 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Should it not prove possible to meet the costs required from the contingency fund, the implementation of the draft resolution may have to be postponed, as provided for in the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

I. Summary

17. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.2, it is estimated that additional appropriations of $203,200 would be required under section 37 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. In addition, the General Assembly would need to grant an exception to pay for travel and subsistence costs of government representatives.

Notes

1/ A/47/6 (Prog. 7) and E/AC.51/L.5/Add.13.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

3/ A/C.5/47/2 and Corr.1.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA

Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.14, as orally revised

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 39th meeting, on 18 November 1992, the First Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.14, as orally revised, without a vote. A statement of programme budget implications was before the Committee in document A/C.1/47/L.51.

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution, as orally revised

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.14, as orally revised, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU), to take appropriate action to enable the group of experts designated by the United Nations in cooperation with OAU to meet during 1993 at Harare, Zimbabwe, in order to draw up a draft treaty or convention on the denuclearization of Africa. The Assembly would further request the Secretary-General to submit the report of the group of experts to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

B. Relationship of the request to the approved programme of work

3. The above request is related to major programme I, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, programme 7, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 as proposed for revision. 1/ Related activities were initially programmed and approved under subprogramme 1, Deliberation and negotiation, of section 5, Disarmament, of the programme budget for 1991-1992, 2/ responsibility for which was transferred to the Department of Political Affairs, following the restructuring of the Secretariat. A proposal for the transfer of related resources to section 37, Department of Political Affairs, has been submitted to the General Assembly in the Secretary-General's revised estimates. 3/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, as orally revised, the Secretary-General would organize at Harare, Zimbabwe, a five-day meeting in 1993 for the group of 11 experts.

5. It is the understanding of the Secretary-General that the United Nations would not be requested to provide conference services and that the meetings of the group of experts would not be included in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1993, but that the regular budget of the United Nations would bear all costs related to the convening of the meeting, namely, conference-servicing, travel and daily subsistence for the experts, and appropriate substantive support services to the group of experts.

D. Modifications required in the approved programme of work for 1992-1993

6. The submission of the report to the General Assembly called for by the draft resolution, as orally revised, would fall under activity 2 (a), Parliamentary documentation, of subprogramme 1 of section 5 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. With regard to the substantive servicing of the group of experts, it would be necessary to replace the citation under activity 2 (b), Substantive services, of subprogramme 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as modified by A/C.5/46/42 by the following:

"(v) Group of Experts designated in 1991 by the United Nations in cooperation with CAU within the framework of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/56 A (one session each in 1992 and 1993)."

E. Additional requirements at full cost

7. The requirements to undertake the activities described in paragraphs 4 and 5 above are as follows:

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(a)	Conference-servicing costs	
(i)	Rental of conference room	5 800
(ii)	Interpretation (E,F)	6 000
(iii)	Rental of office equipment	800
(iv)	Translation (E,F)	1 000
	Subtotal (a)	13 600
(b)	Substantive costs	
(i)	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 11 experts	45 700
(ii)	Travel and daily subsistence allowance for 2 staff members 1 Professional and 1 General Service - from the Office for Disarmament Affairs	13 000
	Subtotal (b)	58 700
	Grand total, (a) and (b)	72 300

F. Potential for absorption

8. No provision has been made in the programme budget for 1992-1993 to undertake the activities enumerated in paragraphs 4 and 5 above. However, the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the Department of Political Affairs would make use of its staff resources to provide the necessary substantive support services to the meeting. Otherwise, it is not anticipated that the cost of $72,300 referred to above could be absorbed from within the provision under section 37 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

G. Indication of additional requirements

9. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.14, as orally revised, it is estimated that additional requirements of $72,300 would arise under section 37 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

H. Contingency fund

10. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213, a contingency fund is established each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, these activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources available from low-priority areas or modifications of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.

11. No activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 37 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Should it not prove possible to meet the costs required from the contingency fund, the implementation of the draft resolution, as orally revised, may have to be postponed, as provided for in the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

I. Summary

12. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.14, as orally revised, it is estimated that additional appropriations of $72,300 would be required under section 37 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Notes

1/ A/47/6 (Prog.7) and E/AC.51/L.5/Add.13.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I, as modified by A/C.5/46/42.

3/ A/C.5/47/2 and Corr.1.

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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith to the members of the General Assembly, upon the request of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the text of a FAO Council resolution on remuneration and conditions of service of staff.

Annex

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ADOPTED AT ITS ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND SESSION, HELD IN ROME FROM 9 TO 20 NOVEMBER 1992

Remuneration and conditions of service of staff

1. The Council, noting with general disappointment that, despite expression of strong concern transmitted by the Conference in November 1991, the International Civil Service Commission had decided to submit to the General Assembly recommendations which do not address adequately the basic issue of the loss of competitiveness of the remuneration of staff in the Professional and higher categories, but which will instead result in less favourable pensions and salaries for staff in the General Service category,

2. Recognizing the critical situation in respect of remuneration of staff and its negative consequences on the Organization's ability to recruit and retain high-quality staff, which is the most valuable asset on which the successful implementation of the Organization's programmes depends,

3. Recognizing the need for the requirements of the specialized agencies to be fully considered in the common system decision-making process,

(a) Urges the Governments of all member nations to give special attention to these concerns of the Organization;

(b) Requests the International Civil Service Commission to pursue its examination of the competitiveness of the common system, in particular that of the staff in the Professional and higher categories, and submit recommendations as a matter of urgency for consideration by the General Assembly in 1993 by taking into account all relevant features of the highest-paid civil service as well as remuneration levels offered by other international employers;

(c) Requests that the International Civil Service Commission be informed of the general concern that any modification to the General Service salary and pension methodologies should be technically sound and should not result in an erosion of current conditions, and support for the recommendation of the Administrative Committee on Coordination that the methodology for determining pensionable remuneration be deferred until the results of using the new recommended salary survey methodology are known;

4. The Council requests the Director-General to transmit its views to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as to the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission, with the request to draw these views to the attention of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly in an appropriate manner,

5. The Council hopes that effective action will be taken so as to preclude the necessity of considering alternative measures within the framework of the common system in order to redress the problem of recruitment, retention and motivation of high-quality staff.